



#### **Title IV – Disability Compensation and Pension**

- Reforms and modifies the disability claims appeals process, increasing adjudication timeliness and accuracy.
- Expands spousal benefits to same-sex spouses.
- Repeals the disabled veterans' tax and allows retired service members who have a service-connected disability rated less than 50% to receive concurrent payment of both retired pay and veterans' disability compensation.

#### **Title V – Housing and Homelessness**

- Extends the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Programs (HVRP) for 5 years.
- Creates a position in the Department of Housing and Urban Development specifically responsible for ensuring veterans' housing needs are being met.
- Creates a pilot grant program for veterans' organizations to buy, renovate, and repurpose abandoned homes for homeless veterans.
- Expands the definition of "homelessness" for the purpose of veterans' homelessness programs, veterans participating in HUD-VASH, those transitioning from being incarcerated, and those fleeing from domestic violence.

#### **Title VI – Employment and Training**

- Creates a direct employment pilot program for veterans and members of the reserve components of our Armed Services.
- Increases incentives for businesses to hire veterans.
- Expands small business opportunities for veterans', specifically service-disabled veterans and their spouses.
- Creates a pilot program to boost job-training for positions in the manufacturing industry.

#### **Title VII – Construction and Leases**

- Improves and streamlines the process for major VA construction and facilities leasing.
- Authorizes the VA to move forward with the West LA Medical Center Master Plan to better meet the health and housing needs of veterans in Southern California.

#### **Title VIII – Other Matters**

- Honors as veterans anyone entitled to retired pay for nonregular service in the reserve components of our Armed Forces, or, but for age, would be so entitled.
- Establishes a veteran visa program, permitting eligible deported veterans to permanently return to the United States as a Lawful Permanent Residents eligible for naturalization.
- Helps service members discharged solely due to their sexual orientation correct their military records to reflect their honorable service and reinstate the benefits they earned.
- Improves the family reunification process for the sons and daughters of Filipino World War II veterans and ensures that these families receive the benefits they deserve.
- Extends burial benefits to Hmong and Lao Americans who served beside U.S. Armed Forces during the Vietnam War.